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Letter dated 3 January 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that at 1 a.m. on 1 January 1991, two Israeli army aircraft attacked the southern part of the city of Sidon, dropping 1,500-lb. bombs which destroyed a residential building and killed 12 people.

This bloody aggression, perpetrated minutes after the start of the new year, is the latest in a series of Israeli attacks which have killed and wounded dozens of civilians in the past year and in previous years.

The Lebanese Government condemns and deplores the way in which Israel continuously flouts the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Lebanon and the safety of its inhabitants and it appeals to the international community to take an unequivocal position on this Israeli policy, which holds international law and human values in contempt.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter distributed as an official document of the forty-sixth session of the General Assembly, under the item entitled "The situation in the Middle East", and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Khalil MAKKAWI
Ambassador
Permanent Representative